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2 of Trump's former aides added to the guilty list

COHEN: Ex-fixer confesses to 8 felonies, implicates president

MANAFORT: Convicted of 8 charges; mistrial on 10 other counts

Andres Kudacki / New York Times

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's personal lawyer and fixer, pleaded guilty to campaign finance and other charges.

By Sharon LaFraniere
NEW YORK TIMES

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Paul Manafort, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, was convicted Tuesday in his financial fraud trial, bringing a dramatic end to a politically charged case that riveted the capital.

The verdict was a victory for special counsel Robert Mueller, whose prosecutors introduced extensive evidence that Manafort hid millions of dollars in foreign accounts to evade taxes and lied to banks repeatedly to obtain $20 million in loans.

Manafort was convicted of five counts of tax fraud, two counts of bank fraud and one count of failure to disclose a foreign bank account.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict on the remaining 10 counts, and the judge declared a mistrial on those charges.

Kevin Downing, a lawyer for Manafort, said his

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Paul Manafort was found guilty on eight charges of tax and bank fraud.

Inside

Analysis: Cohen's plea, Manafort verdict makes for terrible day in Trump presidency. **A9**

By William K. Rashbaum, Maggie Haberman, Ben Protess and Jim Rutenberg
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — Michael Cohen made the extraordinary admission in court Tuesday that Donald Trump had directed him to arrange payments to two women during the 2016 campaign to keep them from speaking publicly about affairs they said they had with the man who went on to win the presidency.

The president's longtime fixer, Cohen acknowledged the illegal payments while pleading guilty to breaking campaign finance laws and other charges, a litany of crimes that revealed both his shadowy involvement in Trump's circle and his own corrupt business dealings.

He told a judge in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the payments to the women were made "in coordination with and at the direction of

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Teachers skeptical of gov's salary proposal

How to pay for it is the big question

By Alejandra Matos and Andrea Zelinski
AUSTIN BUREAU

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott called this week for top teachers in Texas to earn six-figure salaries, a wage now earned by less than 1 percent of the state's educators.

About 400 of the state's 363,000 teachers earned more than $100,000 in the 2017-18 school year, a San Antonio Express-News/Houston Chronicle analysis of teacher salary data shows.

The teachers making six figures have nearly 19 years of experience, on average, and are loading up on extra-curricular activities, like coaching sports teams or leading the high school orchestra or band, records show.

State lawmakers, including the Texas education commissioner, repeatedly have said school districts should reward high-quality teachers with higher salaries, especially those who teach at struggling schools.

The state's average teacher pay was estimated at $53,000 this year — about $7,000 below the national average. Many teachers struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living unless they take on more duties at school.

Abbott stated his new goal for teacher salaries during a roundtable discussion with teachers in New Braunfels on Monday, after lawmakers unsuccessfully tried to increase pay for teachers last year.

"We want to structure the compensation plan that would be the very best educators on the pathway to earning a six-figure salary," Abbott said, according to Austin TV station KXAN. "That will reward good educators but, in addition to it, it will attract other people into the profession who will create a

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Apartment residents face fire terror

By Caleb Downs and Peggy O'Hare
STAFF WRITERS

Luis Solis wished his girlfriend good night at 10 p.m. Monday and prepared to leave his apartment, then caught a faint scent of smoke.

His family keeps candles lit at night, so he assumed one had tipped over. He checked his daughters' room first. Everything was fine. Then the bathroom and his bedroom. Fine.

Then he saw a haze of smoke in the living room and heard muffled screaming for help coming from outside.

Fear kicked in when he opened the apartment door and thick black smoke rushed into his third-story unit from a massive fire that soon destroyed his and several other apartments at the Ashler Oaks complex in the 4100 block of Parkdale Street.

The fire killed one woman, injured two others and displaced at least 10 people, officials said.

As soon as Solis got his daughters, ages 3 and 8, and his girlfriend out, he heard a loud pop and saw his apartment consumed by a fireball.

"The flames just came out, and I was just thinking all of our stuff is gone. We're going to have to start all over, from Square 1," he said.

Others were even less fortunate. The woman killed in the blaze had not been identified,

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This was the scene in the wake of a fatal fire at the Ashler Oaks apartment complex on Parkdale Street.

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